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In re application of:) Art Unit: 1638
Heard et al.)
Serial No: 09/533,029) Examiner: D. Kruse
Filed: 3/22/00)
For: Disease-Induced Polynucleotides)
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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The following correspondence is sent in response to the Office communication mailed March 20, 2001.

In the Specification

Please amend the specification as follows:

Replace the title with the following: TRANSGENIC PLANTS COMPRISING POLYNUCLEOTIDES ENCODING TRANSCRIPTION FACTORS THAT CONFER DISEASE TOLERANCE.

Replace the abstract of the invention with the following:

The present invention provides a transgenic plant comprising a polynucleotide encoding a transcription factor that may be used to confer disease tolerance to the plant. Further, the invention provides a method for altering the disease tolerance of a plant by altering the expression levels of the polynucleotide encoding the transcription factor, and the polynucleotide and polypeptide sequences themselves.

In the Claims

Please enter the following amended claims:

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